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SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: IMPLEMENTATION SCHEDULE OF UNTAG AND
AHTISAARI'S OBJECTION TO AG MEASURES.

1. THE STAR OF SEPTEMBER6, CITING " A SECRET UN DOCUMENT," REPORTS
THAT THE UN PLANS TO MOVE THE 7,500 MONITOR FORCE INTO NAMIBIA
AT THE RATE OF ONE BATTALION A WEEK BEGINNING THREE WEEKS FOLLOWING
SECURITY COUNCIL APPROVAL. ACCORDING TO THE STAR, THE SADF IS
REQUESTED TO ORGANIZE A LIAISON STAFF TO HAND OVER MILITARY
EQUIPMENT AND FACILITIES TO THE UN FORCE. THE EXPECTED COSTS
ARE REPORTEDLY GIVEN A DETAILED BREAKDOWN AND THEIR TOTAL
IS ESTIMATED TO BE ALMOST R228 MILLION ($265 MILLION).
THE FORCE WILL REPORTEDLY BE MOVED INTO NAMIBIA OVER A THREE
MONTH PERIOD.
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2. THE STAR STATES THAT THE REPORT ESTIMATES UNTAG FORCE
COMMANDER, MAJOR GENERAL PHILIPP, WILL BE IN NAMIBIA BETWEEN 10
AND 21 DAYS AFTER SECURITY COUNCIL APPROVAL OF THE WALDHEIM
PROPOSALS. HE IS EXPECTED TO BRING WITH HIM HALF THE PROPOSED 2300-
MAN LOGISTICS UNIT WITH THE OTHER HALF TO FOLLOW WITHIN SIX WEEKS.
A MAJOR PROBLEM REPORTEDLY WILL BE THE COMPLETE LACK OF PERMANENT

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OR SEMI-PERMANENT HOUSING FOR INFANTRY MEN IN THE PROPOSED " AREAS
OF DEPLOYMENT."

3. THE NEWSPAPER ALSO REPORTS THAT THE UN DOCUMENT SAYS MARTTI
AHTISAARI OBJECTED TO AT LEAST SIX LEGISLATIVE MEASURES
INTRODUCED BY AG STEYN. THE MEASURES, SAID TO BE " DISCRIMINATORY OR
RESTRICTIVE," REPORTEDLY WERE THE DETENTION-WITHOUT-TRIAL
LEGISLATION, THE PROCLAMATION REPEALING THE PASS LWAS, A
PROCLAMATION GRANTING STEYN AUTHORITY TO CHANGE DECISIONS BY THE
SOUTH AFRICAN DIRECTORATE OF PUBLICATIONS, AN AMENDMENT TO A 1920
LAW WHICH GIVES STEYN AUTHORITY TO EXPEL PEOPLE FROM THE
TERRITORY, AND TWO PROCLAMATIONS REALTING TO SECRUITY.
THE STAR SAYS THE DOCUMENT GIVES NO INDICATION WHY AHTISAARI
OBJECTED TO THE REPEAL OF PASS LAWS OR STEYN'S TAKING OVER
OF CENSORSHIP CONTROL, BUT SPECULATES THAT AHTISAARI MAY
HAVE FELT STEYN HAD NOT GONE FAR ENOUGH IN ABOLISHING
RESTRICTIONS.
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